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Nos. 21 @ 23. PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT, dated 6th January 1860, No. 12.

Read the following Despatches from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated 24th November 1859, Nos. 16 & 17.

1. The only portions of the above Despatches that call for notice are the following paragraphs :—

India Office, London, 24th Novr. 1859.

No. 16.

Paragraph 1. I have considered in Council and now reply to your letters noted in the margin,* on miscellaneous subjects, omitting those portions of them which call for no particular remark.

* Madras Political, Nos. 2, 11, 12, 16, and 24 of 1859. Secretary's No. 154, and Madras Public, No. 14 of 1859.

Letter, dated 15th February (No. 2) 1859.

(18.) State in reply to Court's enquiry, that all the papers in Mr. Oughterson's case had already been forwarded to the Home Authorities.

2. Her Majesty's Government await a reply to their Despatch of the 7th April 1859, referring for report the allegations of Mr. Oughterson relative to the interference of the Resident at Travancore with the contracts entered into by the Government of that State.

Letter, dated 13th April (No. 11) 1859.

Titles of honor to Natives of distinction.

3. This subject being of general application, will be noticed to the Government of India, when reported on by them.

Letter, dated 3rd May (No. 12) 1859.

(1 @ 3.) Appointment of Mr. Dymes as Consul for Bremen at Madras.

4. Your request that, in future, the appointment of Foreign Consuls, should be communicated to your Government shall be duly attended to.

Letter, dated 31st May (No. 16) 1859.

1 @ 4. Memorial from Meerjan Fuzl Ali Beg, praying for support in consideration of his distressed circumstances and connection with the family of the late Tippoo Sultan.

5. The branch of the family of Tippoo Sultan, with which Memorialist is connected, receives a provision from the 2 lac Fund. Under these circumstances, I decline to make any separate grant for Memorialist's benefit.

2. This decision will be communicated to the Memorialist through the Officer Commanding Vellore, with reference to the Orders dated 15th January 1859, No. 48.

Letter, dated 19th August (No. 24) 1859.

(Also Extract page 2 @ 8, letter No. 24 of 1858, dated 28th September.) Reports on the state of Poodoocottah for Fusly 1266 and 1267.

6. The land revenue appears to have been nearly the same (about 2½ lakhs) during both the years under review. The yield of all the other sources of revenue shews a moderate increase over that of previous years; but from the manner in which the report is framed, and the total absence of anything like a comparative tabular statement, it is difficult to ascertain the items in which the increase is chiefly observable.

7. In the expenditure, I observe an excess of Rupees 47,238 in the former of the years under review, of which more than three-fourths has been expended without sanction. I approve your intimation (under date the 18th March 1858,) to the Dewan, who is stated to incur the Rajah's displeasure if he refuses him money, that, supported as he was by the authority of Government, his want of firmness in sanctioning this expenditure was without excuse.

8. In the second year, Fusly 1267, the ostensible excess of expenditure fell to Rupees 19,432, part of which was unavoidable owing to the increase of the price of *Rupees* 6,292.

3. Copy of these paragraphs will be furnished to the Political Agent of Poodoocottah, and his attention drawn to the remarks of the Home Government at the end of paragraph 6 and in paragraph 10. He will report what has been done in pursuance of the Orders conveyed to him in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Proceedings of Govt. dated 25th May last, No. 326, regarding the modifications proposed in the Judicial system of Poodoocottah.

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provisions, while the remainder was sanctioned by the Political Agent. But I regret to observe that while the appearances of moderation were thus kept up, a most wanton and extravagant expenditure was being carried on.

9. The Political Agent has ascertained that during Fusly 1267, the Rajah and his brother whose debts had, under the careful superintendence of the Political Agent, been nearly liquidated, had involved themselves in fresh liabilities amounting to the enormous sum of eleven lakhs of Rupees. I entirely approve your determination not to allow such conduct to pass unnoticed, in spite of the promises of amendment which the Political Agent's expostulation had elicited. The method which you adopted of shewing your displeasure, that of withdrawing from the Rajah, as had been already threatened on a former occasion, the complimentary title of Excellency, which had hitherto been accorded to him, seems to have produced so lively a sense of shame that it is hoped the desired effect may be attained; and the Rajah recalled to a sense of his duties.

10. I await a report on the modifications proposed in the judicial system of Poodoocottah which is not altogether in a satisfactory state. I have no doubt your attention has been drawn to the following remarks of the Political Agent.

"I rather question the expediency and desirableness of continuing our elaborate judicial system in Poodoocottah. It is a system too essentially English, it has little or nothing Indian in it, and does not accord either with the original institutions of the country or with the habits and opinions of its inhabitants. Its forms are cumbrous and its delays great. Cheap and summary justice is what the Natives want. These ends, it appears to me are more likely to be obtained by the processes and mode of procedure prescribed in the Punjab than by those of our Courts." The criminal cases call for no remark except that the corporal punishment awarded in cases 30 and 61 of Fusly 1267 is in excess of that sanctioned by the Regulation under which it is stated to have been inflicted.

11. The notice you have taken of the late date at which these reports are transmitted was proper.

Public letter, dated 8th March (*No.* 14) 1859.

(1 & 2.) Report circumstances under which Lord Harris presented to the Rajah of Vizianagram a ring value £ 35-5 as a memorial of His Lordship's visit to that place.

12. Approved under the circumstances.

Secretary's letter, dated 7th March (*No.* 154) 1859.

Transmit list of Foreign Pensioners supported by the British Government as it stood on 1st January 1859.

13. No remark.

India Office, London, 24th Novr. 1859.

No. 17.

Paragraph 1. I have considered in Council your reply, dated 9th September (No. 27) 1859 to the enquiries of the Home Government on the case of Mr. James Oughterson who claims a large sum in respect of the non-fulfilment of a timber contract entered into by him with the Travancore Sirkar.

2. The explanations of General Cullen shew, that although formal contracts are invariably submitted by the Dewan of Travancore for the opinion of the Resident, the verbal agreement entered into by Mr. Oughterson with the Commercial Agent had not been so submitted.

3. Considering these circumstances as set forth in your third paragraph and in the enclosures to the letter under reply, I decline to direct the interference of your Government, to obtain from the Government of Travancore recognition of Mr. Oughterson's claim.

4. A copy of this Despatch will be furnished to Mr. Oughterson, and also to the Resident of Travancore with reference to his final report dated 5th of August 1859, No. 69.

(Signed) C. WOOD.

To His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council,
Fort Saint George.

(True Extract)

(Signed) T. Pycroft,
Chief Secy.

Exd. S, T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following Despatches from the Right Honble the Secretary of State for India.

(Dated 24th Novr. No. 16 of 1859)

Order thereon. 6th January 1860. No. 12.

1 The only portions of the above Despatches that call for notice are the following paras:

Despatch 24th November. No. 16 of 1859

Para 5. Declines to make any separate grant for the benefit of Meeyan Fuzl Ali Beg, as the branch of the family with which he is connected receives a provision from the Z Lee Fund.

2 This decision will be communicated to the Memorialist through the Officer Commanding Vellore with reference to the Order dated 15 Jany 1859. No. 48.

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Paras 6 to 11 - Reviews the reports on the administration of the State of Poodoocottah for Fasslies 1266 & 1267 - Awaits a report on the modifications proposed in the Judicial systems of Poodoocottah -

3 Copy of these paras will be furnished to the Political Agent of Poodoocottah, and his attention drawn to the remarks of the Home Govt at the end of para 6 & in para 10 - He will report what has been done in pursuance of the orders conveyed to him in paras 12 & 13 of the G. Govt Proceedings dated 25th May last, N° 326, regarding the proposed modifications in the Judicial system of Poodoocottah.

Despatch 24th November, N° 17 of 1869.

Declines to direct the interference of Govt in the matter of Mr Oughterson's claim on the Travancore Sarkar for non fulfilment of a timber contract -

4 A copy of this Despatch will be furnished to Mr Oughterson, and also to the Resident of Travancore, with reference to his final report dated 5th of August 1869 - Vide Pg.

Para 2 - To the Officer Commdg Vellore
" 3 - " " Political Agent of Poodoocottah
" 4 - " " Jas. Oughterson Esq & the Resident of Travancore

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Proceedings of Govt

of 6 January 1860.

Pass Orders on the Despatches from the Secy of State of 24 Nov 1859 regarding the Separate grant for the benefit of Meerjan Fazl Ali Beg administration of the State of Coorg allotted for Family 1266-7 and Mr Oughterlony's claim on the Travancore Sirkar for non fulfilment of a Timber Contract

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